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Americans come together



COURTESY OF SHELLY CASTELLANO

Former CSUF student shares images from 'Ground Zero' in Lower Manhattan, where the World Trade Center once stood.

American flag prints become patriotic fashion statement

nTRENDS: Red, white and blue are selling out throughout Orange County retail shops

By Michelle Wang
Daily Titan Staff Writer

Many clothing stores have pulled out residual stock from previous Fourth of July sales and are putting them back on the racks again. Since the occurrence of the terrorist attacks, consumers are now showing their support and patriotism through style. Accessories like handbags and bandannas to clothing, such as T-shirts and jeans, all bear the design

of the American flag. Coincidentally, large department stores such as Macy's, Robinsons May, and Nordstrom all do their share in displaying American "flag-wears." Macy's department store in the Brea Mall has a section of clothing dedicated to flag-wear. Tommy Hilfiger's clothing line, which features mostly red, white and blue, was one of the main displays. On the other side of the display hangs a giant American flag to demonstrate the store's patriotism and also to make the clothes noticeable. According to a Macy's sales associate, many customers have been buying more items with prints of the American flag. Pieces that have red, white and blue combinations have also become popular.

Brea Mall's Nordstrom handbag department sells a tote bag decorated with an American flag motif. Accentuating the purse's red pattern is a glittering plastic rose. The handbag, designed by Isabella Fiora, sells for \$375. But the price hasn't discouraged buyers. "Isabella Fiora's design has always been a good seller, but I think recently there are a few more bags sold because of the recent trend," said Marie Neitro, a sales associate from the handbag department. Since last Tuesday, clothes with American flag patterns have been flying off the shelves. Jack Ness, a shopper wearing a Polo shirt with a big American flag printed on the back, said it is now hard to find shirts similar to his in stores.

"I've had many people come up to me on street asking where can they buy this kind of shirt," Ness said. "It is great that people are showing their support to their country." In another local shopping plaza, Downtown Brea, shopper Desiree Marinas also had on a T-shirt that showed her love for the country. She attended a donating event in the Anaheim Angel Stadium and received the shirt as a token of gratitude. "I want to show my support," said Marinas, "I would definitely like to get more flag-wears." Although there are shoppers out there looking for patriotic clothes, the retail clothing businesses are strongly affected by the tragedy.

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KATHLEEN GUTIERREZ/Daily Titan

Giselle Meza and Amparo Navarro light candles in honor of Lopez.

Community celebrates life of local Norwalk man with candlelight

nREMEMBRANCE: Family and friends gather to mourn loss of devoted father Maclovio "Joe" Lopez, Jr.

By Kathleen Gutierrez
Daily Titan Detour Editor

They watched their father die, and they didn't know it. The Lopez family, like the rest of the nation, watched as news programs repeated footage from the second airplane crash into the World Trade Center. It wasn't until the next morning they learned their father, Maclovio "Joe" Lopez Jr., was on that flight and they had been watching his last moments over and over again on the television screen. "Once there is a face, it's tough

to watch that," said Pastor Terry LaFramboise about last Tuesday morning's crash. LaFramboise preaches at Village Baptist Church in Norwalk where the Lopez family — Joe, Rhonda, Dannette and Joseph — attended services. Family, friends and community members gathered at the small Norwalk church, filling the pews. Folding chairs were sprinkled along the back and many stood in the rear. Lopez's sister stood in front of the congregation to thank them. She did not know many of the people in attendance, but said she knew they were her friends. Red, white and blue ribbons attached to a remembrance card sat in the laps of many. Some stood against the wall and cried. Others strained their necks to get a glimpse of the family. "If you take a good look at his kids," LaFramboise said, "You real-

ly do see the man." Joseph, the youngest child, attended West Coast Christian High School at Village Baptist Church. He graduated last year, and when LaFramboise saw his mother, Rhonda, coming up the walkway, he was confused. The pastor couldn't think of a reason for her to be on campus. "She walked up and put her hand on me. And all she said was, 'Joe is dead,'" he said, reflecting on the moment. Dannette Lopez, 21, accepted her father's death, but had trouble planning for her upcoming wedding. Her father would no longer be walking her down the aisle. Lopez worked in the pipe laying business until jobs became too scarce to pay the bills. "He knew that he needed to provide for his family," LaFramboise said. "He was trying to stay in California but there wasn't enough

work." Lopez was involved in a long-term project and would live in Boston for two to three months at a time. He would return periodically to be with his family. Last Tuesday, he never made it home. The City of Norwalk held a candlelight vigil on the city lawn for National Day of Prayer and Remembrance. Coincidentally, it landed the same day as Lopez's service. "I didn't think it could get any worse," said Norwalk Mayor Gordon Steffenhagen of the World Trade Center destruction. Then he heard about Lopez, "and it did get worse." Before LaFramboise dismissed his somber congregation, they all stood in song. "God Bless America," poured out the doors and through the stained glass windows, showing that no man is insignificant, and no city is untouched by the horror.

Prospective student a passenger on Flight 175

nTRAGEDY: Eric Hartono was in the process of moving to Los Angeles when his plane was hijacked

By Darleene Barrientos
Daily Titan Executive Editor

With the calculated actions of a few terrorists, prospective Cal State Fullerton applicant Eric Hartono will never be able to become what he could have been. Described as a devout Christian and a frequent church volunteer, 19-year-old Hartono was one of the 53 passengers aboard United Airlines Flight 175, one of the commercial planes that plummeted into the World Trade Center last Tuesday. In recollection, Michael Riady, Hartono's cousin and a CSUF graduate, described Hartono as putting, "all his faith in God." "He had just come from Boston, and was looking for an apartment," Riady said.

Up until last week's terrorist attacks, Hartono was living in Diamond Bar with Riady. According to Riady, sophomore business major Hartono had registered for two classes through extended education and was petitioning for two more when the tragedy happened. Riady cannot recall if Hartono was able to pay for his classes, which may be the reason why CSUF officials cannot find any sign of Hartono's ever registering with the university. Though Hartono's name, social security number and school history prior to his moving to California are on file with CSUF, Associate Dean of Judicial Affairs Sandi Rhoten said, "From the university's point of view, he was not officially a student." Pamela Kedulich, secretary to the director of admissions and records, explained this by noting many students send in transcripts with the intention of applying. The transcripts are put on file and entered into the database, but



COURTESY OF MICHAEL RIADY

Eric Hartono at a Formula One Car show in Montreal, Canada during happier times.

some are never followed through with a full application. Hartono was transferring from Newbury College in Boston, Mass. where various Indonesian news media have reported him to have been an economics major. Hartono first reportedly came to California in time to attend Riady's graduation at CSUF in June. Hartono came back in July to attend summer classes at Pasadena City College, which was confirmed by PCC Supervisor of Admissions and Records Carol Kaser. Riady is Hartono's only family in the United States at this time. Discovering that his cousin was on one of the flights that terrorists had hijacked to fly into the Twin Towers was a shock to Riady. "First, I didn't believe he was on that flight," Riady said. "There are 50 flights a day going from Boston to L.A. It couldn't have been that flight. I tried to stay calm." United Airlines had called Riady, as he is listed as Hartono's U.S. emergency contact. But because Hartono's parents are in Indonesia, United Airlines has declined to release any information to Riady.

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A GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING

BRIEFS

Harvest Moon Dance at the Brea Community Center

The Brea Community Center invites the general public to listen to an evening of Big Band music at the Harvest Moon Dance on Friday, Oct. 12.

From 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., people can listen and dance to the sounds of the 16-piece Yachtsmen Big Band, with different songs like "Tuxedo Junction" or "Moonlight Serenade."

Tickets are now on sale for \$10 at the Brea Community Center.

It is recommended to purchase tickets soon since past events have sold out.

Table reservations are available for parties of 10 at \$120 a table.

At the door, tickets are \$12. Parking is free.

To purchase tickets, call (714) 990-7100. The Brea Community Center is located at 695 E. Madison Way.

For more information, call (714) 671-4428.

OCTA chair asks authority to explore purchase of 91 Express Lanes Toll Roads.

The Orange County Transportation Authority Chairman Michael Ward, has requested OCTA staff to explore alternatives to relieve transportation gridlock on the 91 Freeway Corridor.

This includes the possibility of purchasing the Express Toll Lanes on the freeway.

He said that he has observed the growing concern with the congestion that affects

the State Route 91 Corridor between Orange and Riverside Counties.

He added that the express toll lanes have added a partial solution to the congestion on the 91 Freeway.

Ward requests that OCTA staff to come back to him and the board in 60 days with a full analysis of the Authority's options.

These options include an evaluation of the potential costs, funding opportunities and benefits to buy provisions of the California Private Transportation Company; an evaluation of potential costs, funding opportunities and benefits of a complete buy-out of the CPTC franchise; and an assessment of the range of capacity and service improvements that could be made on the 91 Freeway Corridor on both sides of the county line if the CPTC franchise restrictions were eliminated.

Ice Dogs to donate tickets to blood donors

The Long Beach Ice Dogs President Paul Clause announced that the team would provide two complimentary tickets to individuals donating blood.

The West Coast Hockey League team will provide the tickets to those who donated at the Greater Long Beach Chapter Red Cross, located on 29th Street between Redondo Temple Avenues.

The Ice Dogs are scheduled to begin training camp on Oct. 1 and the team's opening night is Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Long Beach Arena at 7 p.m.

For more information or directions, call (562) 595-6341.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Community-

The Red Cross is asking for people to donate blood to help those in need after the terrorist attack on Sept. 11. For more information, call (800) 448-3543 or (714) 481-5300. Local donation centers include Fullerton, Fountain Valley, Santa Ana and Laguna. Be prepared to wait in lines.-

The Mighty Ducks preseason game originally scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 15 has been moved to Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. For more information visit www.mightyducks.com.

com.-

Anaheim Angels have rescheduled their baseball games from the week of Sept. 10 to the week of Oct. 1. The times will remain the same. The team will play Seattle Oct. 2-3 and Oakland Oct. 4-7. Ticket holders should keep their original tickets to enter the games. For more information, call (714) 634-2000.-

On the last weekend of the LA County Fair, experience the Asian & Pacific Islander Festival. Sept. 21-23 the fair will play host to over 12 different Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

There will also be a martial arts parody entitled, "Leaping Tiger, Fearsome Dragon," performed by the National Wushu Training Center.

For more information, visit www.asianfestival.org.-

Campus-

"Late Nite Catechism," a comedy that looks at old-fashioned religious education, will be held Saturday, Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$22.50 and \$27.50. Students can save \$2 with the advance sale TITAN discount. For more information, visit www.arts.fullerton.edu.

A lecture series focusing on the conflict between the Israeli and Palestinian Arabs will be held on alternate Thursdays Sept. 20 through Dec. 6. It will be held in the Mackey Auditorium in the Ruby Gerontology Center and is free to the public. For more information, call (714) 278-4851.-

Naomi Hirahara will be signing her book about the history of Japanese American gardeners in Southern California on Sept. 30. The event will be held at the Fullerton Arboretum at 3 p.m. and is sponsored by Friends of the Fullerton Arboretum.-

COP BLOTTER

Monday, Sept. 10

A beige Cadillac heading south on the 57 Freeway from Yorba Linda was stopped at 1:53 a.m. The suspect was driving without a license.

At 10:28 a.m., a woman reported that her book bag was stolen out of her locker in the Physical Education Building.

An accident between a Honda Civic and a Volkswagen Jetta was reported at 1:19 p.m. at the 30-Minute Zone on West Campus Drive. Medics were dispatched at 1:26 p.m. but the victims refused treatment.

Wednesday, Sept. 12

A custodian working in McCarthy Hall reported at 5:39 a.m. that a suspicious male was walking the halls on the sixth floor, trying to get into classrooms. Police detained the suspect.

At 12:56 p.m., a student reported that the taillights from his black GMC truck parked in Lot K were missing.

A student reported at 5:30 p.m. that somebody had poured sticky stuff through his moon roof, damaging the interior of the car.

Thursday, Sept. 13

A suspicious person was reported on the roof of Langsdorf

Hall. The suspect was later identified as a Central Plant employee doing some maintenance work.

A Ford F150 truck was reported stolen from Lot D at 2:26 p.m.

At 3:14 p.m., police and medics were dispatched to the Education Building where a female student was having a seizure. She was taken to St. Jude Hospital.

Friday, Sept. 14

The Fire Department received a cell phone call from a woman in the Performing Arts Building and said she wasn't feeling well. Medics were dispatched to help her.

A Honda Accord was reported stolen from Lot E at 2:11 p.m.

Police received a call that people were disturbing the peace in Lot G. Several people were preparing to fight, but dispersed when police arrived. One suspect was taken into custody.

Sunday, Sept. 16

A Mazda heading southbound on State College Boulevard was stopped at 3:47 a.m. The driver was caught driving without a license and with false registration. The car was towed.

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Trying to escape the real-

nCOMMUNITY: Video rentals rise as people turn to movies to distract themselves and hide from the grief caused by last Tuesday’s attack

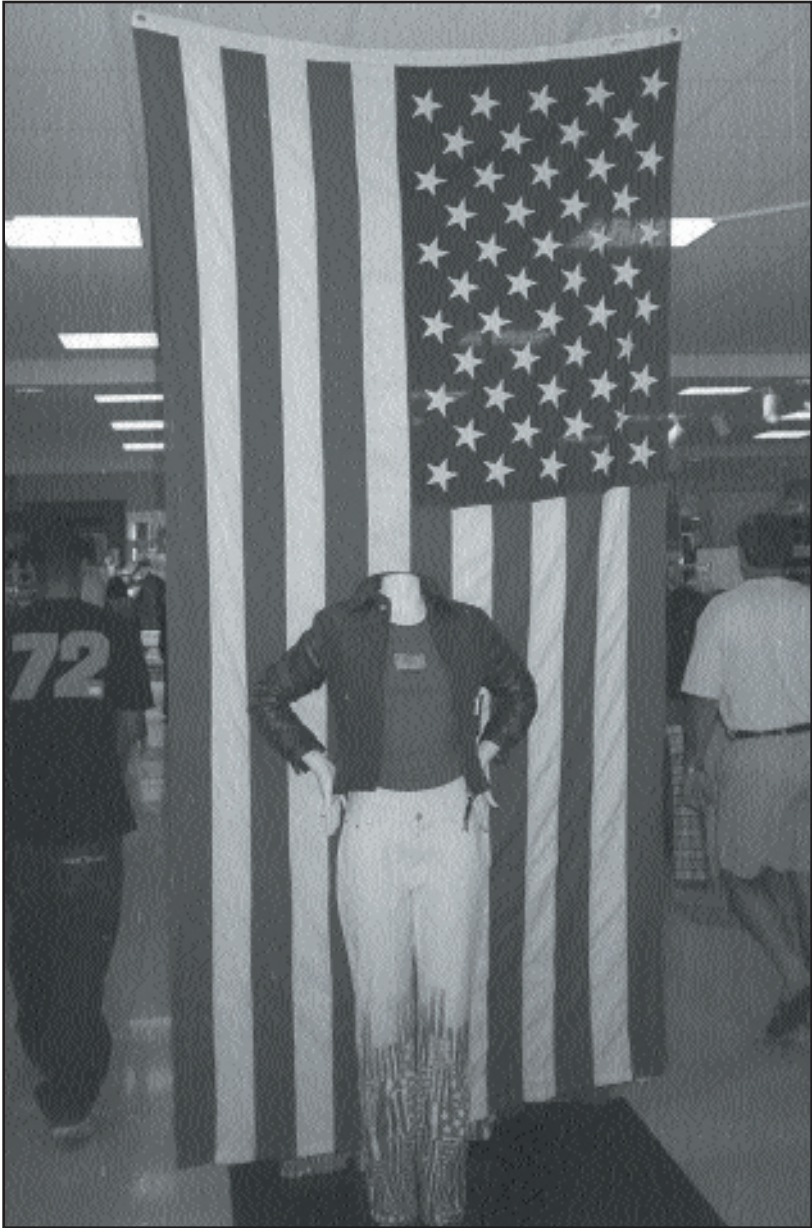
By Patrick Vuong
Daily Titan Staff Writer

Former New Yorker Abby Diaz cried when she saw the news. The 31-year-old Garden Grove resident was devastated when she saw the World Trade Center burning, and then collapsing under its own weight last week. At first, Diaz couldn’t look away from the 24-hour news broadcasts, hoping to hear that her family and friends were safe. But the week-long barrage of television reports became too much for Diaz. So she decided to rent some movies recently at a Hollywood Video in Santa Ana to get her mind off the tragedies. “I know it’s not going to go away,” Diaz said. “But I just want to think about something else for a few hours. “[The news coverage] is really depressing because I’ve watched it

all day on TV and listened on the radio,” Diaz said. “It’s really sad – I’ve been crying a lot, especially because I have family there, and that’s where I’m from.” Fortunately, her family was in Brooklyn at the time of Tuesday’s attacks and none of her friends were harmed. Despite this, Diaz intentionally sought out light-hearted fair as a first-time Hollywood Video customer. She left the store with the comedy “The Family Man.” Meanwhile, Diaz’s friend, Tia King, picked out two more comedies: “Double Take,” and “The Wedding Planner.” King said that she needed a distraction from the nonstop TV newscasts. “I’ve been watching the news all day long,” King said. “So I’d rather watch a movie than go to sleep and dream about [the terrorist attacks].” As King waited in line to pay, she

cuddled her 11-month-old daughter close. “I’m so glad she’s not old enough to understand [the tragedies],” King said. In Fullerton, Barbara Zellman dropped by a Blockbuster to rent movies so that her 7-year-old son didn’t have to watch the replays of the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. “It’s going on so much,” Zellman said of the broadcasts. “They play it all day long ... and that’s not something for [my son] to watch.” Something Zellman’s son could watch was the children’s movie “The Little Vampire,” which she grabbed before scanning the shelves for other family films. For Patti Meyer, a Fullerton resident, the overwhelming media coverage allowed for her family to spend more time together, shopping for movies. “Every channel has the plane crashes,” Meyer said. “So I said, ‘It’s time for family stuff.’” However, Placentia resident Trevor Bratton said he’d still watch the news updates. “Even if I get a couple of movies,

I’m sure I’ll check the news broadcasts in between,” Bratton said. “I just don’t know if I’d get two serious movies.” But not all customers stayed away from the drama and action sections. “Blow,” “15 Minutes” and “Tigerland,” all dramatic or action movies, were the movies of choice for Hollywood Video customer Steve Simon, who said his visit to the store in Santa Ana was just coincidence. “I just felt like renting movies,” Simon said. “The [media coverage] had nothing to do with my renting.” “I’ve been here all week and there’s been no dramatic change in business like I thought there would be,” said Hollywood Video employee Andrew Archuleta. Archuleta said the only noticeable change was that there were more requests for films dealing with prophecies and Nostradamus. Following company policy, Blockbuster employees declined to answer specific questions, but one employee said that business had picked up in the last week. The regional Blockbuster office did not return calls prior to press time.



MICHELLE WANG/Daily Titan
Americans show loyalty to their country while being stylish.

Fullerton residents remember victims, applaud efforts of NYC rescue work-

nUNITY: Adults and children alike wave flags, honk their horns and express their support for Bush as a show of their patriotism

By Jeff Benson
Daily Titan Staff Writer

A day of remembrance became a night of celebration, and eventually more frustration, as busy street corners became flooded with overwhelming support for the American rescue efforts. Dozens of children and adults

waving flags and lighting candles stood on the corner of Placentia Avenue and Yorba Linda Boulevard, amidst a torrent of blaring horns. At 10 p.m., there were nearly twice as many participants as there were ten minutes before. Whenever the walk sign turned on, the children darted across the busy streets, only to attract more cars, more supporters and more noise. Candle-lighter Alicia Reume said she brought several youngsters with her to celebrate America’s unity. “We’ve been here an hour, and we’re probably staying an hour longer, until the kids get tired,” Reume said. “President Bush is doing such a good job. God bless America.” Jack Dersarkissian was proudly

waving a large American flag only inches from the curb. He smiled brightly as his two exhausted children returned from rounding all four sides of the busy intersection. “We’re having a good time celebrating,” Dersarkissian said. “Hopefully, somebody’s gonna pay big time for what they did to innocent people.” A Fullerton patrol car passed through the intersection with its horn blaring, nearly as loudly as the flag-waving pickup following it. South-African native Dieter Jacobs was fueling up his car at the nearby Shell station and said he was amazed by all the commotion. “I think it’s great,” Jacobs said. “We have a lot of violence and terrorism where I’m from, and I’ve

never seen people pull together like this.” Not everyone was thrilled about the flashing lights and noise the celebration caused. An employee of the Shell station, who refused to comment, ran from the convenience store to the corner to retrieve his borrowed property. One of the young girls had apparently used his PVC pipe to make a flag pole. He politely asked for it back. When he took back his pipe, he slammed the store’s door shut behind him. The commotion came on the heels of the memorial service held at Washington’s National Cathedral Friday morning.

FLAG

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Most of the clothing stores have been experiencing slow times. “People are just not in the shopping mood,” explained Eddie Bauer Outlet employee Wayne Smith, in Downtown Brea. “You would expect the business would be good last Friday with the Jazz Festival but it was really slow, just like normal Fridays,” Smith said. Another sales clerk in Robinsons May said that sales have been dramatically affected by a downslide of almost 50 percent since the disaster occurred. Businesses of local clothing stores have been impacted, but it still has not affected people’s heart

from supporting the country. Mark Williams, manager of Antidote Clothing in Downtown Brea said, “It’s awesome that everybody is showing support, people are coming in here to ask if we carry American Flag Shirts.” To many Americans, it has become more than a fashion statement. It now represents their pride, a symbol of American unity. “I think it’s awesome that everybody is supporting our country,” Williams said. “It has brought people closer, doesn’t matter young or old.”

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Former Clinton photogra- pher talks about his experi-

n**ALUMNUS:** William Vasta documented the life of the former First Family with images of their humanity and down-to-earth living

By Michael Matter
Daily Titan Staff Writer

“The White House gig was my first real job out of college,” he tells his audience with a smile. “I was in the right place at the right time.”

William Vasta starts his presentation with a close-up of Bill Clinton modeling a pair of too hip shades, with the word America emblazoned on each earpiece.

“This is my boss...his staff had to tell him, in a nice way, to lose those things – that foreign governments would not appreciate the symbolism any more than we would if the situation were reversed...we did have to be careful... if you pissed him off , he could fire you, he held your fate in his hands ,” he said.

William Vasta’s picture is on the cover of TITAN Magazine. The inaugural issue shows him holding a camera in whose lens can be seen a reflection of he White House. Vasta being chosen as the cover subject of a new high-gloss alumni magazine should come as no surprise. Vasta, who graduated from Cal State Fullerton in 1999, has not wasted time making a name for himself. The former Daily Titan photographer was one of four White House staff photographers from March 1999 to January 2001.

Cathi Douglas is the editor for TITAN Magazine. She says that support for Vasta came from high places.

“President Gordon was thrilled to have William on the cover,” Douglas said.

She admits early doubt.

“When I first arrived, he was just one of many ideas we had for the cover issue. This cover was extremely important. It was the first non-fundraising mailing from the university to alumni in 15 years.

“The writer, Orman Day, forced

me to go to Vasta’s Web site,” Douglas said. “As I looked at the pictures, each image was better than the one before. It started my adrenaline pumping and I realized how exciting it would be for alumni to have their own magazine and these breathtaking photographs.”

CSUF Photocommunications Professor Dave DeVries thinks Vasta has made his own luck.

“He always had a strong photographic eye,” DeVries said. “He had the beginning of a strong portfolio when he got here. He was already making good photos. Hopefully we sent him out making improved photos.

“I think it is important to really talk about the quality of his work. He has an impressive portfolio that people in the business for 20 years would kill for,” DeVries continued.

Vasta’s early success has been the result of hard work and connections. He has high praise for internships.

“ I did four internships,” he said. “One each summer –starting my sophomore year. Each internship got better and better, building my portfolio.

“I knew someone who knew someone in Vice President Al Gore’s office. They had a non-paying internship available. When a paying position opened up I applied.

“Luckily, by accident, my portfolio was forwarded to someone in the president’s office instead, and before I knew it I was one of four White House photographers.

“President Clinton was amazing. He was so adamant about taking pictures with everyone that he came into contact with ...he was such a great communicator, he would just talk with everyone he met on the street or sidewalks.

“One of my worst nightmares was that I would run out of film and have

to tell him. I was at the White House from March 1999 to January 2001. I lived down the street from the White House and walked to work every day. We worked in shifts.

“Clinton was so photogenic. The difference between Clinton and Gore was like the difference between night and day. Bill Clinton could not take a bad picture. Try as I might, I could not ruin one of his pictures. No matter the circumstances Clinton just always looked good,” Vasta said.

Vasta traveled the world with Clinton aboard Air Force One, stopping in Kosovo, Macedonia , Russia, Japan and Africa.

“ Most of our job was just shooting handshakes... this became boring and contrived because there are only so many ways to shoot a handshake,” Vasta said. “We shot everything that was ever done in the Oval Office. You meet so many people you get almost numb to celebrities... I felt that any time we were out in the open, that shots could ring out.

“The president is not always completely safe. I felt a lot of danger on some of these off-the record shoots –like when we went shopping,” he said.

Vasta has no illusions about fame. Perhaps recognizing at a very young age how fleeting and fickle life can be, he said. “I went from the top of the world with everything going great, where you have all kinds of access... to all of a sudden I’m unemployed.”

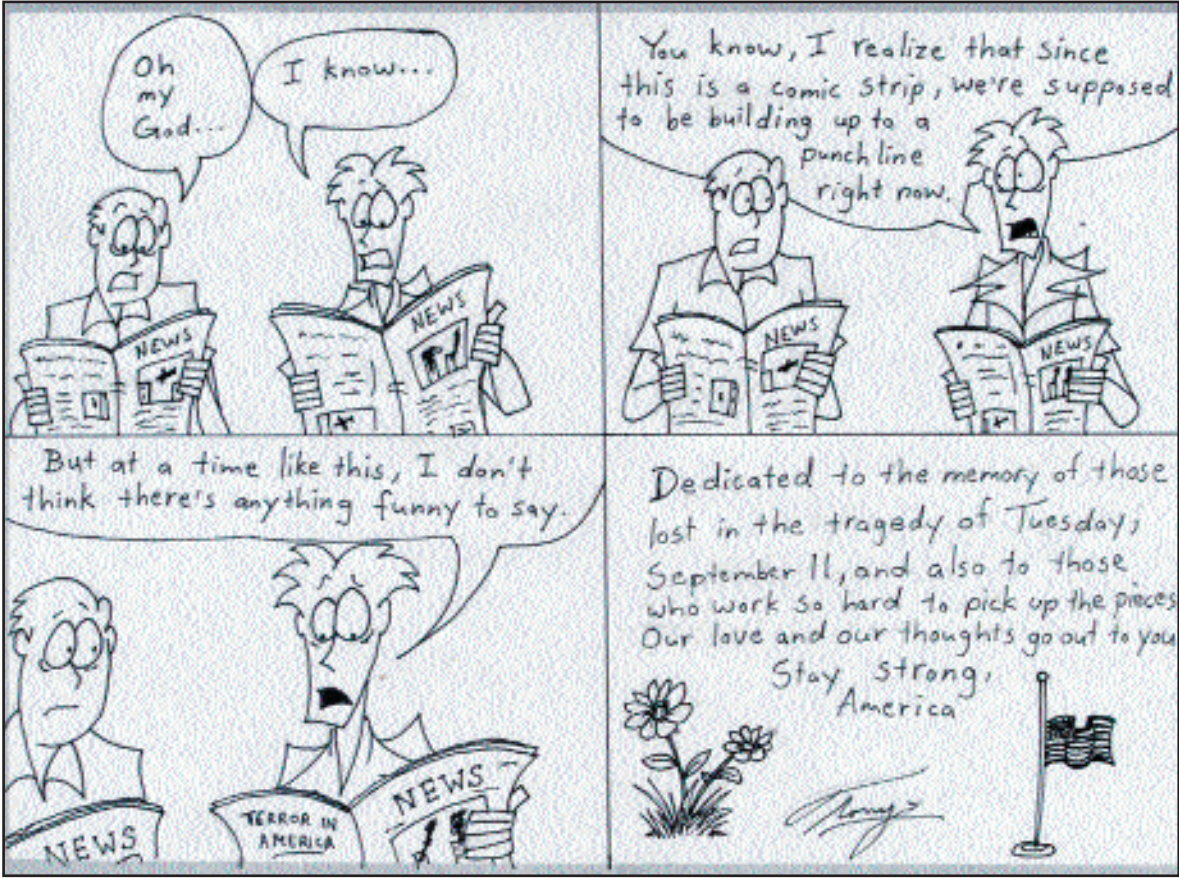
Vasta is currently a staff photographer for a small publication in the Coachella Valley.

He has two Web sites: www.WhiteHousePhoto.com and www.WhiteHousePhotography.com.

“The difference between Clinton and Gore was like the difference between night and day”

—William Vasta, CSUF alumnus, photogra-

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Reacting to the TERROR

By John Paul Gutierrez
Special to the Titan

Busy signals, busy signals, busy signals. That is all I knew of the United States besides the blazing pictures that filled the television screen.

My first glimpses at the destruction were surreal. I couldn't believe what was happening. Surely the BBC wasn't airing a movie.

But over the Atlantic, America's great city lay in shambles, and since then I have never felt so detached

from home.

Really, what was in store for the remainder of the day? I couldn't contact my family in Orange County, California, and I obviously couldn't contact my friends in New York.

Now that I know my personal ties are in order and the initial shock is over, the step back into post-tragedy is nonexistent. Forever will this be etched in my and every American's mind.

As an American living in the United Kingdom, I'm sure my feelings are the same as any other, but being away

makes it hard to touch base with the emotion at home.

Fortunately having a group of Americans to live with made the transition easier. We sat and watched the television, and we all discussed the happenings.

Some of us had friends and family in New York, and we all clenched our teeth in waiting to make contact with our homes.

All this sensory and emotional overload has changed the perception of life.

First thought, my reality is that of an outsider. And in a sense I feel more hurt from this attack because I'm not

close to the people that I shared everyday life with.

But as an outsider, it brings questions I've never thought before.

What is America's relation really like with the Middle East? But more importantly, how does the rest of the world perceive us?

Besides this being an attack on Americans, it's an attack on the world community because accounts go beyond the United States community just as they go beyond our tiny campuses. So here are the accounts of six of your fellow students.

America not alone

nMEDIA: Opinion columns in England criticize United States airport security, Bush's lack of experience in foreign matters

By Travis Dewey
Special to the Titan

The classroom had just cleared out when the downstairs lounge began to fill with people. Eyes glued to the television, students and professors watched in horror as the events that unfolded earlier in the day were broadcasted.

The United States was literally under attack. The world was witnessing the destruction of New York's World Trade Center.

In slow motion, the airliners could be seen smashing into each of the two towers. Before anyone could even react to this atrocity the station switched to a new scene of devastation at the Pentagon.

While in London it was nearing four in the late afternoon, back in America it was the beginning of the day. The reaction at the Foundation House was as expected, the same as that in America: utter disbelief.

Much to our surprise though, reactions were the same in all of London. Within a few hours of hearing the tragic news the streets were filled with people already reading the latest edition of the newspapers. Everyone was asking themselves and each other, how could this happen?

The mood has remained this way since. Everyday on the bus or in the subway you can still overhear conversations regarding what happened last Tuesday.

Besides the coverage on the BBC, there is also a fair share of individuals speaking their mind about information they heard from their own inside sources.

Everyone here seems to have an inside source.

The next day brought on a flood of reports in the form of newspapers and news updates on the BBC. One of the first things that local editorials focused on was the carelessness of airport security in America.

The failure of the United States intelligence department was another common statement made. One of the analysts for the BBC mentioned that the United States' security was substandard compared to England's. It was subtly put that America should have seen this coming.

On Wednesday, the center of attention was also on how America was going to react.

Was President George W. Bush going to let his inexperience in foreign affairs take hold, and retaliate with one swift counterstrike?

Some heard reports of backlash against Americans in the past. After former President Bill Clinton bombed Afghanistan as retaliation for the attack on the USS Cole, it became apparent that even Americans abroad were considered targets.

By the third day after the disaster, things began to move back towards normalcy. At Buckingham Palace, a special changing of the guards took place. It was the first time ever that the American National Anthem or any American song was played. The crowd was mixed with both Americans and English along with scores of other nationalities.

As the song began, you could hear the people singing along quietly. Even those who didn't know the words' began to hum the anthem. Afterwards there was a two-minute moment of silence.

It has become clear that we truly are not alone in our time of need. The outpour of emotion here has given me support and made me feel safe in a place so far from home.



Ceremony eases pain of students away from home

nABROAD: London memorial mass shows respect and support for United States after its worst terrorist attack

By Chad Waldorf
Special to the Titan

This past week has been one that I can't compare to any other in all my 22 years in the United States.

The fact that the attack on the United States occurred while I was settling into a semester abroad in London made it even harder to grasp.

At the beginning of the week I thought that my most difficult tasks would be getting my dorm room in some functioning order and buying a tube pass to get around London.

I never in all my life would have thought that I would be dealing with the emotions and questions that have been running through my head the last five days.

As it turned out, the most difficult tasks of my week were upon me by Tuesday.

I watched Americans jump or fall tens of stories from the World Trade Center, and realized that America maybe going to war.

While I will never know for sure the reactions and the feelings of those back in the States — and perhaps it is best that I don't — I know the feelings and questions my dorm-mates and myself were asking each other and ourselves.

I am grateful for being over here at this time so that I can witness the reaction of another country on the attacks in the United States.

I have been amazed by the support and comforted by the sympathy England has

shown towards us visiting Americans and towards everyone back home.

From the news agent who sold me my first newspaper about the World Trade Center attack and the men who I talked with in the market, to the Queen and Prime Minister of England, all have given us their deepest sympathy.

From the time of the attack through the next day, our news was their news with constant and updated reports.

However, two of the biggest public gestures that could have been made were a dedicated memorial mass at St. Paul's Cathedral, and The Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

On Thursday Sept. 13 the traditional Changing of The Guards ceremony was altered so that it would include The Royal Marching Band playing the American National Anthem.

Two minutes of silence followed the anthem and several other songs that included patriotic American tunes.

A Londoner standing next to me said, this was the first time they had played non-British songs.

As we left, I stopped to thank an older man of the royal services to tell him how grateful we were for the ceremony.

He told me that even while he was there in uniform and working he was viewing the ceremony as a spectator like myself. He had served with Americans in the war and made friends with them and owed his respect to America.

The kind words from the locals of London and gracious gestures made by the Queen and Prime Minister were like a huge hug.

London has been very caring to us, as we are here looking in from the outside at the United States back home, feeling very distant and unable to be involved with our

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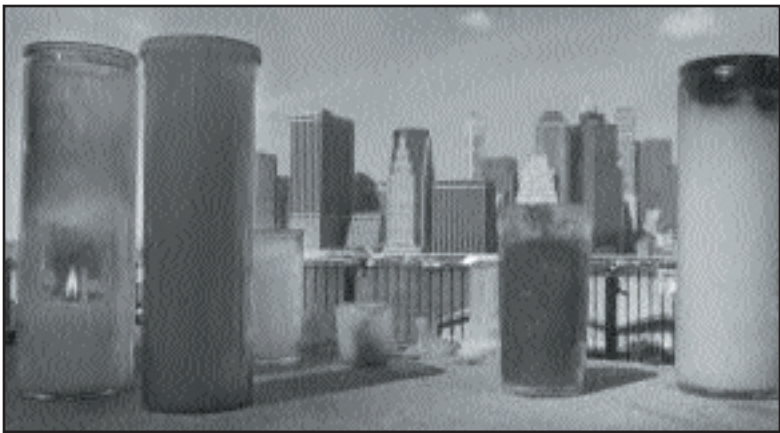
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LEFT: London residents show their sympathy for the United States by gathering in front of Big Ben. BELOW: Candles on the roof oversee the changed New York skyline.



Students overseas share their views on the tragedies happening at home...

By Kelly Kathleen Couch
Special to the Titan

I watched the tragic events that occurred on Tuesday horrified, gasping in disbelief like many around me as I broke down in the middle of an electronic store on High Street Kensington. My emotions swept over me like a storm; it was impossible for me to control my despair and outrage while watching such an atrocity occur. I stood weeping for my country and the thousands of innocent lives shattered. Two kind British citizens walked over to me and embraced me as if I was their own child. This would just be the first act of kindness that the people of Britain would show not only to a devastated American girl, but also to an entire nation in tears. From the moment this attack happened, the United Kingdom has been reaching their hands and hearts out to Americans in their country and those an ocean apart. As an American so far away from my country at such a time of need, I felt helpless and extremely aggravated. I wanted to be home, to give blood, to do anything to help my country, but I couldn't. I was thousands of miles away and all I could do was watch. While in class on Thursday, there was an announcement that the Queen would give a special service for the American people in London. I felt this was something I had to do, since I could not be there to physically help my country, I would instead send my prayers. I made my way to St. Paul's Cathedral, not realizing the great magnitude of this service. I was part of the last group to make it in to the service and while there were about two thousand people inside St. Paul's, there were 10,000 or more

standing surrounding this historical cathedral. Inside, I was seated in the last row. While my seat was not the best, I still felt grateful that I made it inside. All around Europe, everyone stopped what they were doing and gave three minutes of silence in honor of those who lost their lives and are suffering because of Tuesday's events. After the silence, many of the British elite arrived at the great west doors, which, to my surprise, were right behind me. I watched in awe to see such well-known British figures coming together to show their sorrow and support to all the Americans in their country. The service started with the United States' national anthem. As thousands Americans and Britain's placed their hands over their heart, I too, with all my energy, sang while holding back a stream of tears. Looking back in history, the national anthem is a song that symbolizes our victory over the British for our freedom. Now, the British and their Queen sang it with Americans, and sadness overwhelmed me that such a tragic event had to happen to bring people so close together. The ceremony was beautiful and touched me profoundly. I was so grateful to the people of Britain for putting together such a moving service to pay tribute to the lost lives in America. As the service came to an end and the congregation sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic, I was asked if I was an American and then ushered out with a group of people. I walked out of the church doors and looked out into a crowd of thousands of people and again tears carved my cheeks as I saw, perfectly placed in the middle, an American flag. I lined up on the steps and was standing amazed, not only did I see a lovely ceremony, but

I also met the Queen of England. I stood frozen, grasping the hands of my two classmates. I felt as if the tiniest breeze would knock me over. Then the Queen walked out of St. Paul's and made her way down the steps, while I was still shaking my head in disbelief of all that was happening. She stopped right in front of me and asked if I enjoyed the service. I think I forgot how to talk for a moment because it took me awhile to get my words out. "The service was lovely," I replied. "Thank you so much for all you have done for us Americans, we appreciated it immensely." She then said to me "that it was so beautiful to see all of these people coming together to show their support." I looked out into the crowd again and I agreed. The Queen then smiled at me and made her way down the steps to her car. A million things had been racing around my head, but they all stopped and all I could think was, I just met the Queen of England! The Queen would only be the first British elite that I would have the pleasure of meeting. Because soon after, I was shaking hands and speaking with the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Charles, the US Ambassador, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. For me, the individual who has made the greatest impact on me as an American in England was the Prime Minister Tony Blair. As he reached out to shake my hand, I started crying while trying to convey to him how remarkable he has been to the American people. He then put both his hands around mine and made a statement that touched me. Leaning in and looking at me with such compassion and honesty he said, that what happened was a tragedy and that he meant what he said, he will stand by us, the American people.

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n**LOCAL:** Student learns friend is OK but close brush with death makes her feel closer to families and friends of New York victims

By Dara Young
Special to the Titan

At approximately 7:15 Tuesday morning, I was rudely awakened by my boyfriend's roommate. He burst through the bedroom door in hysterics, saying over and over, "Call Wayne, the World Trade Center just

blew up." Wayne is my boyfriend's best friend who lives in New York. Before today, he worked in the security department of the World Trade Center in downtown Manhattan. My boyfriend frantically tried calling Wayne on his cell phone, but was not able to reach him or any of his family members in New York. I have never seen a 25-year-old man so scared of anything. He was scared for his best friend's life. I tried to console him, but there really are no words to say to someone who is thinking only of his best friend being killed in a terrorist attack. It seems too incomprehensible. More than anything, I would have loved to tell him that Wayne is fine and not to worry, but realistically, it did not

seem possible for anyone to survive the catastrophic event. Because my boyfriend is from New York, he had people calling him throughout the entire morning, as they learned more of the incident. Our minds were put at ease when Wayne unexpectedly called, 40 blocks away from the disaster. He was in Building 7 of the World Trade Center, which is across the street from the Towers. His shock and horror at the day's events were evident. "I thought people in the hallway were messing around until they started running, yelling 'Get the hell out,'" he recalled. He was able to escape when Building 7 collapsed later on that day, but people

he knew were not so lucky. "There are still people in my building I haven't heard from...I don't know if they're dead or alive," he said. Our hearts were settled for Wayne, but certainly not for the tens of thousands of people who lost their lives or families that morning in the unspeakable tragedy. It does not lessen the emotions of people who feel that they have been deeply affected by this. But to wake up to visuals of one of New York's predominant icons collapsing in a mushroom cloud of debris has hit me harder knowing that someone I know could have been a victim. The idea of a tragic death keeps running through my head. What if?

Extremists give Muslim religion bad reputation

By Nishal Patel
Special to the Titan

Islamic fundamentalists have been saying that this act of terrorism is for a cause greater than that of their countries. They strongly believe that this act is for their Muslim religion and they use their religion as an excuse to pull off something so blatantly sadistic. These so-called fundamentalists should all be eradicated because obviously they are giving the Muslim religion a terrible name. No religion promotes this kind of violence and when I turn on the news to see Muslims cheering for this act, it makes me sick. Being a Hindu, I have experienced quite difficult times when dealing with the Muslim religion. Ever since I was born in London, there has been a secret, yet well-defined war between the two religions. I guess I could say that it all began back in 1947, when India was split into two separate countries: India where the Hindus resided and Pakistan, which was predominantly Muslim. When India won its freedom from the British, the split was made to dispose of any further uprisings. That, of course, did not work because war broke out between the Hindus and the Muslims. And if you remember correctly, Mahatma Gandhi decided to fast until all the fighting ceased. Peace finally came, but not until Gandhi was weak and about to die. Up until the events of last week, India and Pakistan had been disputing the two countries because no one religion controlled the area.

This war has always been political in India and Pakistan, but as soon as young Muslims and young Hindus in free countries, like the United States and Britain, became aware of this, the war became a way to lash out at one another for their own personal reasons. Although I do have Muslim friends back home, the judgments and stereotypes that I put forth toward the Muslim community are absolutely caused by events that have occurred in my life, even before this terrorist act. I wish it wasn't like this, but I can't help it. Believe me, I have tried to put these differences aside and it worked with my Muslim friends, but they are just a few out of an entire community. With them, we have been able to put this war behind us because we all know that none of us had anything to do with the India-Pakistan split; we weren't alive! Call me a racist, call me prejudiced but I still will give everyone a chance. If that chance is taken for granted, then please step away from me. It might sound stupid, yet it is as real as the Ome on my right shoulder. I know that all Muslims are not like this and we see Islam as being violent because that is the idea that these fundamentalists are promoting, this holy war crap is nonsense. I have been through the worst kinds of experiences here and back home with Muslims and it is all because of my religion. Those particular Muslims never actually wanted the chance to get to know me as a person and put all this religion matter behind us. If they could just see the playful Nish who is always ready to crack a joke, I'm sure I would have been able to get along with all of them, but it

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by Taylor
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Driving home from an event Friday night, I was shocked by the revelry that was going on in the streets in response to the so-called day of mourning for those who died in the terrorist attack on Sept. 11.

Young children that should have been in bed waved American flags that were twice their height at every street corner. Teenagers darted across crosswalks waving their arms and screaming. -In response, cars honked as the drivers pumped their fists in the air, shouting their support. I rolled my eyes in response. Observing the chaos in Fullerton that evening, I wondered to myself how any of this

could be considered mourning. -

Earlier that evening I was joined by thousands who stood with slim white candles lit in silence, out of respect for those who died. -I had watched tears stream down the faces of those who had lost loved ones. -I felt my eyes well with tears in response. Those individuals seemed to understand the severity of the events that had taken place, while the rowdy crowds that raced through the streets seemed to be using this event as an excuse to have a party.

Suddenly people everywhere claim to be feeling a surge of national pride. -They want to bomb Afghanistan. -They want to go to war. -They want to kill all those who we consider enemies.

But what does this have to do with patriotism? Patriotism means having pride in your country, not killing others. -These people seem to be reacting exactly the way that the government wants them to. The

government is manipulating people into getting excited over fighting a battle that could take decades to complete. -While this may be a necessary action, I don't think it is anything to get excited about. -This is the same type of propaganda that Hitler used to inspire the Germans to exterminate millions of individuals he considered threats to his Aryan race.

I am not saying that something should not be done. However, I do think that we should sit back and evaluate the situation before we hastily react. -The terrorist attacks clearly took a great deal of planning. Shouldn't we put the same planning into our response to our enemies? ----Suddenly, proposals that would have been considered outrageous a few weeks ago are being considered feasible. -Obviously security must be tightened at the cost of some of our personal liberties, but what does lowering the capital gains tax have to do with terrorism? -Proposals are

being made that will affect the state of our economy and have are unrelated to war. -The public has been riled up into a mindless frenzy, and is not paying attention to what is going on around them. -Many are not thinking about what consequences their actions will take.

I too feel a sense of horror at the senseless violence that took place. -I think it is necessary to do something so that it never happens again. -We should make certain that our response does justice to the great image that we have of our country.

I have never thought of the United States as a vehicle for mass destruction that disregards the opinions of its allies. -I hope that when this war against terrorism is over that I will still feel the same pride in the United States that I do now.

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by Matthew Sedler

Terrorism unites Americans



by Michael Del
Muro
Opinion Editor

For better or for worse our world has changed forever. Never again will the United States, or the world for that matter, return to normalcy.

The morning of Tuesday, Sept.11, we are a better and stronger country today.

All the qualities that made the United States a great country – bravery, altruism, trust – were manifested in the hours following the devastation created by the four hijacked planes.

Even on the planes there were reports of bravery. The names Jeremy Glick, Mark Bingham, and Thomas Burnett will live forever as the men who may have saved the entire Pentagon from destruction by putting up a fight in the doomed United Airlines Flight 93 from Newark to San Francisco. The plane crashed into rural Pennsylvania, killing only those on-board the plane.

Americans have been searching for heroes over the last few years,

but have only been able to come up with athletes and celebrities. Those three men were heroes on that day, saving hundreds, if not thousands of lives.

Even everyday American heroes – firefighters and police officers – became more heroic last Tuesday and have continued to gain our admiration in the days following the tragedies.

More than 350 firefighters and police officers rushed into the burning Twin Towers trying to save as many lives as they could. Most of them never made it back out. The towers collapsed, with only a handful of people found. Yet their brothers and sisters in the departments remain at “Ground Zero” risking their lives trying to find any survivor, no matter how unlikely it

may be.

Americans' hearts were wounded by the death and destruction caused by the terrorists last Tuesday.

We lost the first battle of this new war. And we were hit where it hurts – the loss of innocent lives and the destruction of America's strongest economical icons and the piercing of our strongest security symbol.

But we pulled together and have worked together to make this country truly one nation indivisible.

We have impressed the world. We have gained allies from unexpected places – Russia, China, Iran and hopefully Pakistan.

The terrorists thought they could crack the foundations on which this country was built.

They were terribly wrong. They have only sealed the cracks that

formed on the foundation since the end of World War II.

They have angered us Americans the way the Japanese did when they bombed Pearl Harbor.

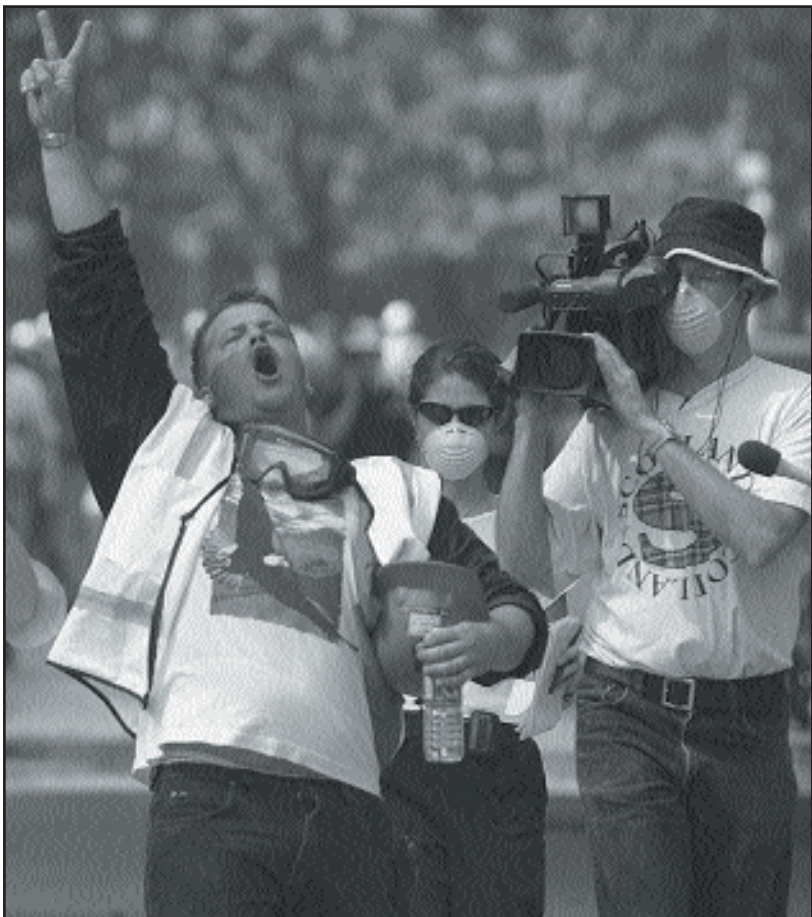
No longer do Americans see terrorism as a Middle East problem; we see it as our problem.

We will not lose this war against terrorism. This battle will be a con-

quest for the world and redemption for Americans.

We need to fight this war in order to get rid of the Osama bin Ladens of this world.

This war can create a new alliance of nations that is unprecedented in the history of the world and can help ease tensions with other countries for decades to come.



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Since Tuesday's terrorist assault on the people of New York, Washington D.C., and rural Pennsylvania Americans have taken to the streets throughout the country to rally around the flag.

Religious fanaticism is difficult to comprehend for many Americans



by Jenn
Stewart
Special to the
Titan

I am still trying to comprehend all that has happened to us in the last week. The sheer physical and mental magnitude of last week's tragedy is beyond any stretch of my imagination.

And although I understand them, I have no other American disaster to gauge them against.

The most difficult part of all of this is trying to figure out how another human being could be so fundamentally different from me, from you.

How can someone's beliefs be so completely contrary to anything I have ever learned?

In order for me to grasp these

acts of terror I must first change my way of thinking so to understand the mind that would commit terror.

But is that possible? Can anyone who has been raised in the land of freedom and opportunity ever open their mind wide enough to forget everything they've ever learned to understand the mind of a fanatic?

I am scared the answer is no, but I am hopeful that it is not.

Trying to understand the thinking of the terrorists is not about religion or skin color. It is about being a member of humanity.

Every one of us created from the same matter – one flesh, one heart, one mind – and yet everyone is so different than each other.

Our race, the human race, is unique and as far as we know there are no others like us. And yet I know so little about my global neighbors that I am embarrassed.

I read the paper everyday and know of the battles between the Israelis and the Palestinians. Why

they fight. Who kills whom. But if you placed a map in front of me I couldn't point out the Gaza strip.

The people living in Israel and Palestine are inflicted everyday with terror.

I am scared to go to bed at night and the closest I've ever been to terrorism is 3,000 miles. I cannot imagine what it would be like to live every minute horrified that today my neighbor might kill me.

And like any good American, I too thought we were untouchable.

I am ashamed at admitting that because thousands of our fellow countrymen died a few days ago partly due to our collective naiveté.

They died without knowing that our protective bubble had finally popped.

They carried that innocence until their last breath was stolen from them. That very innocence I would give anything to gain back, or would I?

Our great-grandparents lost it in WWI, our grandparents lost it

in WWII, our parents lost it in Vietnam, and we lost it Sept. 11, 2001. In a span of 55 minutes our principle of safety crumbled, and we will never be the same.

Will we turn our lost security into anger? Or will we turn it into compassion and try to understand all that we have been blind to for so many years?

I condemn what those terrorists did to us. But I refuse to let myself get mad because that is the easy way out.

I will do my best to remember that although I disagree with what they did, it is not my place to judge their values.

But this will not stop my tears from falling at the morbid images I see. I will shudder at the eerie silences that have blanketed my community. I will never forget my feelings.

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Is U.S. still one nation under



by Karina
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President George W. Bush declared last Friday as a national day of prayer and remembrance.

My faith was strengthened as I witnessed many faiths worshipping and heeding the words of their respective religious leaders.

I was also saddened on this day. Not only for the many lives that were tragically lost, but also because it took a national tragedy for some to turn to their God.

No matter whom or what you may worship, it is a fact that men of strong religious convictions separated church and state from our

constitution, but I, like many others, believe they were divinely inspired and were led to this land and founded our great nation.

In recent years, we have had struggles in our courts regarding posting the 10 commandments and prayers in school. I had even heard the atrocious comments that the word “God” should be removed from our currency and pledge of allegiance.

I have not heard or seen anything of this sort during the past week. It is almost inconceivable that it was once an issue.

What I have seen is crowded church parking lots, people praying in the streets, and the President of the United States asking God to “Bless America”.

God has blessed America and will continue to do so.

There may be some people who are angry with the lord for “allowing” such a disheartening event to occur. I just want to say that every individual has his/her free will or agency.

Some have chosen evil. However, our nation has chosen good.

We have been humbled beyond measure and God will always bless the humble. Abraham Lincoln once said, “We must believe that He permits it for some wise purpose of his own, mysterious and unknown to us; and though with out limited understandings we may not be able to comprehend it, yet we cannot but believe, that he who made the world still governs it.”

I hope as our nation slowly starts to heal, as we try to comfort the ever so deep wounds placed on ourselves and our country, we will remember the faith of our founders and of our own faith, so that God will continue to bless America.

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A candlelight vigil is held after President George W. Bush declared last Friday a National Day of Prayer and remembrance.

Islamic society offers help to victims of tragedy

The Islamic Society of Orange County (ISOC) in each of its prayers yesterday offered a special prayer and supplication for the victims of the tragedy in both New York City and Washington D.C. Moreover, ISOC joins several national Muslim organizations to encourage Muslims nationwide to donate blood to assist their fellow Americans hurt and injured on the East Coast from this disaster.

We encourage Muslim medical professionals and Muslim relief agencies to assist in whatever possible way with humanitarian and relief efforts both locally and nationally. Moreover, we urge people of diverse religious traditions, faith groups and spiritual expressions including Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus and members of other communities to share their grief and sorrow together as one family, the human family.

We pray to God Almighty to provide safety and security to those working to alleviate the suffering and pain of the victims and their families of this tragic violence. We pray to God Almighty to instill patience and tranquility to all those involved in the process. Lastly, we pray to God Almighty to continue to bless and protect this land and all its inhabitants.

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Sunrise on new perspective



Kathleen Gutierrez
Detour Editor

I saw my first newspaper sunrise that Wednesday.

My mother always told me that she was at school when she heard President

Kennedy was dead.

I was in bed watching the news when the second airplane struck the World

Trade Center last Tuesday.

Images of sheer terror will never leave my mind. Good morning, we're at war.

We all have stories. No soul left untouched, no fear left unaccounted for.

The fabric of the nation is a tighter weave today. Democrat, Republican,

Conservative or Liberal; we are all the same.

Suddenly the cliched quotes mean so much to us— "Day that will live in

Infamy," "United we stand," "We're all in this together."

The journalist in me grabbed a note pad next to my bed. The human in me put it back down. Silence was the only thing I could accomplish at that moment. My job as a reporter is to inform the world, but the world already knew.

I thought of my father, out in the ocean somewhere between Hawaii and San Diego on an aircraft carrier. A civilian, he was on vacation. I wondered how long it might be before he'd know.

When tragedy strikes, all of us, every last one of us looks to family for comfort. My father was miles away; my mother has since passed on. My older brother was as dumb-founded as I was, looking through my bedroom door at the sight on my television screen. Brought together by disaster, yet alone in our fear.

With no real link to the events, I, like many others, felt helpless and detached.

But as a journalist, you always have family in the newsroom.

Never in my life did I expect

something of this magnitude. Part of the, "Whatever Generation," I always felt that my elders were so over-dramatic. I was wrong.

The visual of those planes and the structural implosion of the high-rises flash in and out of my consciousness. I have terrorism ADD. Can't stop thinking. Can't stop worrying. Can't stop hiding my fearful tears.

Even the crows are my enemy. Driving to the campus newsroom, I ducked and gasped as two of them flew past my windshield. The normal visual of traffic jams and commercial flights coasting into John Wayne Airport was exchanged for car-less freeways and plane-less skies.

The true test of a journalist is in the blinding light of tragedy. Some of us had to leave; our family was missing somewhere in Manhattan. Some of us, like myself, began politicizing it all, looking for every clue that might reveal the face of evil. It had to be local, it had to be good, and it had to be written NOW.

I always wanted to be a part of history, but this was not the way I had planned — Interviewing bereaved families, calling airlines, watching the wire. Most citizens were sent home for the day while we sat in front of computers, listened into our phones, and cried silent tears. None of us wanted to be a part of this, yet we couldn't stop working. We had all passed the test.

On the way home from the printers, I searched every news bin I saw. It was after 4 a.m. and the metro editions would be hitting the stands any moment. Riding along the 91 freeway the sky changed from pitch black to deep purple. It was my first newspaper sunrise, and I knew others shared it with me. At the dawning of a new America, I knew I was



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New Yorkers were hit hard by last week's terrorist attacks, but residents show their resilience.

Future of terrorism turns to basic tools for its destruction



by Trinity
Powell
Staff Writer

Box cutters. Hijackers set America into chaos and turmoil with box cutters. Not semi-automatic weapons, bombs, or even ingenious inventions of mass destruction — just ordinary, store-bought, box cutters.

As one over-looks the massive tragedy and how it has affected America and changed the face of our nation forever, one can only wonder if this could have been prevented.

If airport security had done a better job or if passengers on the other planes had acted as the passengers of United Airlines flight 93 had, our nation may have retained the countenance of perfection that Americans have prided themselves on since its beginning.

In airports where history has shown that terrorist or simple everyday nuts can cause horrifying destruction, one would think precautions would be so stringent that even the passing of any unusual or potential weapon would be questioned.

One plane being hijacked with box cutters could possibly be understood in perspective of other unusual forms of hijacking, but to have four planes successfully overtaken can not be overlooked without explanation. If nothing else from this tragedy, a greater look into the security precautions that govern our safe passage through the skies must be re-evaluated.

However, the airport security is not left solely to question in Tuesday's events.

The passengers of the planes also had opportunities to prevent the ends of their lives and the chaos that has shook New York and echoed through the heart of Americans.

Of three of the four planes hijacked, only the passengers of one made the decision to fight for their lives.

The passengers of all four planes were presented with the same options — to allow the terrorist to destroy them and the fabric of American existence, or to come together against the terrorist and have the chance to live and become heroes in the eyes of every American.

Fear was no doubt an obstacle to any action against men that are killing fellow passengers and crew members before you, but dying with the knowledge that one had the chance to prevent their own death could only manufacture a greater fear.

No blame is to be placed for I, myself, may have done the same — cower behind my seat and pray for a miraculous intervention from God.

But one can only wonder what cuts deeper — the blade from a box

Letters to the Editor

Foreign response to attack was shameful

In response to Patricia Rodrigues's editorial:-how dare one print an editorial-of the sort in this time of mourning. I am angered when I hear one justify the actions of the terrorists because United States military or intelligence agencies have backed bombings or coups in foreign nations.

The-involvement of the United States in previous actions that may be classified as terrorist is irrelevant to the current-tragedy. Using the logic of those opposing retaliation, the United States should not have entered WWII after Pearl Harbor. Before entering WWII, the United States had an embargo on oil going to Japan, which could be considered justification for Japan's bombings. Therefore, according to the terrorist-sympathizer rationale, the United States should have expected nothing less from Japan.

To take it one step further, even if the United States did retaliate, the terrorist-sympathizer would only have condoned attacking those directly responsible for the bombing. In other words, we should

have ignored Hitler in Europe and never attacked the Japanese mainland, because the kamikazees were the only individuals directly responsible for the tragic event. Retaliation after the current events is a critical necessity. Without retaliation, the United States would open itself up as a fertile ground for terrorists to attack. Fanatical Muslim areas will only continue to produce terrorists and if we do not respond, we will only suffer greater tragedies in the times to come. These fanatics would not fear attacks from the United-States on their own country and would present an unprecedented situation of terrorism.

To do nothing would make the lives of those lost on September 11-a greater and more hopeless loss.-The United States cannot allow the-current tragedy to be-a hopeless loss.---

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President shouldn't rush to blame bin Laden

Since the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center, all I have been hearing on television is that it is probably the work of Osama bin Laden. Why? The number of people around the world over United State's foreign policy is extremely large. Iraqis are angry over the continual bombings, the sanctions which have killed over a million people and the depleted uranium used in bombing that has caused leukemia and other cancers. Yugoslavs are angry over the bombing and desmemberment of their country. Palestinians are angry over U.S. support for Israel. Latin Americans are angry over decades of U.S.-supported coups, death squads, torture, disappeared people and ruthless dictators. Africans are angry over U.S. support for apartheid and the proxy wars by Renamo and UNITA of Mozambique and Angola that have caused the deaths of millions of people. Indonesians are angry over the bloody dictatorship of Suharto. I could go on and on.

Now President George W. Bush will undoubtedly massively bomb another country, probably Afghanistan, causing the loss of more innocent

lives and possibly commit U.S. ground forces in a search for Osama bin Laden. Incidentally, the CIA was responsible for bringing the Taliban to power by financing the fight against the Russians. This policy will only exacerbate the situation and bring more terrorist attacks.

I am appalled at the suffering and loss of life in New York and Washington, D.C. It is a terrible tragedy and could lead to the loss of civil liberties and will result in a headlong rush to Star Wars and militarization to the detriment of Social Security, education, the infrastructure, the environment, etc.

The difficult task for the American people is to change U.S. foreign policy from one based on imperial might designed to foster the interests and profits of multinational corporations to one based on peace, justice and the interests of the common people everywhere. Then terrorism will cease.

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Buildings were American Icons



by Michelle
Wang
Staff Writer

Tuesday September 11 is a day that Americans will remember for the rest of their lives.

As is known throughout the world, an American Airlines jet and a United jet crashed into the Twin Towers in the New York World Trade Center and another crashed into The Pentagon. These tragedies crushed the hearts of our fellow Americans.

Thousands of innocent people lost their lives at the hands of inhumane terrorists.

These acts of terrorism left thousands of survivors and families mourning the lives of those who perished.

Since the attack Americans have been seeking retaliation against the people who caused such pain.

The terrorists' attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon symbolized their invitation to war with 281 million Americans.

The World Trade Center was the heart of the U.S. economy and the bridge to many other international corporations.

The demolished buildings were two of the tallest buildings in the world. They rose 110 stories or 1,353 feet in the air.

More than 50,000 people worked at the World Trade Center and 70,000 more tourists visit the center each day.

The Pentagon building was built in 1943. The government spent \$83 million to complete the project.

There were more than 23,000 employees, both military and civilians worked inside the Pentagon.

When I heard of the tragedy on Tuesday, it brought back memories of when I went to school on the East Coast. We went on a field trip to the Pentagon.

During the field trip, the tour guide stressed the importance of the building.

I learned that the Pentagon was there to "protect us fellow Americans." But now the protection has been seriously challenged by those sinful terrorists.

This tragedy may have been the

result religious fundamentalists.

Religions are not meant to dwell on the differences between cultures, but is supposed to bring peace.

I want to ask the hijackers two questions:

What kind of religion are they practicing? And how would killing thousands of Americans satisfy whatever god they worship?

The symbols of New York are gone. So is the American symbol of security. But one thing is for sure, the United States has the power to take revenge and bring forth justice from this tragedy.



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Onlookers gawk at the terrorist caused hole in the Penagon.

Solidarity from Muslim Student associa-

Last Tuesday, September 11th the United States of America experienced a shocking sequence of tragic events in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

The Muslim-American community was just as shocked and hurt by this tragedy. The CSUF Muslim students are ready to assist in any way and offer our deepest condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of the victims.

An attack on humanity is wrong no matter who the people are.

We want to vocalize our gratitude for the firefighters, police officers and emergency medical service workers who are still risking their lives in the ongoing rescue process.

The holy book of the Muslims, the Qur'an says in the chapter Al-

Maidah (The Table-spread):

"Whoever kill a human being other than (in punishment) for manslaughter or causing corruption in the earth, it shall be as if he had killed all humanity and who so saved the life of one, it shall be as if he had saved the life of all humanity."

The majority of Americans recognize that Muslim-Americans are not connected in any way with this horrible act.

We are thankful for the overwhelming support from our community of those who are aware of our vulnerable situation.

Unfortunately, due to a part of the community not having the awareness that we are not associated with these terrorists, there have been negative backlash involving harassment and abuse of Muslim-Americans.

On occasion, the media has misconstrued the situation and portrayed negative profiles of Muslims in general.

The Muslim community would like to remind you to be aware of possible manipulation by the media. In an effort to shed some light on the situation, the Muslim Student Association will hold an open forum, which will be announced at a later date.

The Muslim Student Association office is available Monday to Friday if students have questions or concerns. It is located in the Titan Student Union, room 262, Telephone number is 714-278-4770.

Players return to a whole new

nSUPPORT: Professional baseball and football teams prepare to return to the field, offering help for the victims and the recovery efforts along the way

By Melanie Bysouth
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In an effort to return to normalcy, baseball parks have reopened and football teams prepare to return to the field. But things will be quite different from the normal fans and players remember.

During the brief departure from play, the events witnessed by a nation forever changed the owners, presidents, coaches and players of professional sports.

"Every day since this happened," Colorado Rockies general manager Dan O'Dowd told ESPN.com, "I come here to this office. I come to work. And all I do is sit here and stare at the TV. I don't know anybody personally who was involved in this. Yet I feel such a sense of loss."

For the New York Yankees and Mets, the return may be more challenging as the now fallen World Trade Center lies within miles of Yankee and Shea Stadiums.

The home of the Mets is less than a mile from LaGuardia Airport with planes in final approach visible from the ballpark. ESPN.com reported that as the Mets practiced in Shea Stadium Saturday, no one could resist staring at the planes as they glided just beyond center field.

Proximity to what is now being called 'Ground Zero' has also meant that both teams have seen the devastation firsthand.

With all flights grounded, the Mets returned to New York from Pittsburgh Wednesday by bus.

Pitcher John Franco and catcher Mike Piazza spoke to The Record's Bob Klapisch about the scene they witnessed crossing the George Washington Bridge, which connects New Jersey to Manhattan.

"It was totally silent for about five minutes as we were crossing that bridge," Franco said. "No one could believe what they were seeing."

Piazza said that he recalls feeling "physically sick" at the sight of New York's destruction.

The Yankees also spent the weekend at home, in the Bronx, preparing for Tuesday's meeting with the White Sox in Chicago.

"It was strange driving here, even though it was something you've been doing everyday for six years," Manager Joe Torre told Klapisch. "It's a horrible thing. I don't think things will be normal for a long time, if ever again."

Following Saturday's practice, the Yankees visited 'Ground Zero'—an experience they said they would never forget.

"It was tough, but we had an opportunity to talk to a lot of people and make them smile, which is a good thing," Shortstop Derek Jeter told MLB.com. "It really makes it hit home even more, because though you realize how bad it is, you meet with all of the firemen, rescue workers and volunteers, then you go to the Armory and see the families grieving over the people they lost, it really hits you."

From the NFL, about 35 players from the New York Giants visited the site of the devastation Saturday, Friday night, runningbacks Tiki Barber and Greg Comella donated toys to the children of the city's firefighters and police officers.

Sunday, in Washington D.C., 30 of the Redskins' players, along with owner Dan Snyder, his wife Tanya and head coach Marty Schottenheimer, spent the day with volunteers, firefighters and police officers at the Pentagon. The organization has also set up a relief fund to benefit the families who lost a loved one when Flight

77 crashed into the Pentagon Tuesday.

South of the tragedies, the Atlanta Falcons and the Tennessee Titans are doing what they can to contribute to the relief effort.

The Falcons will play a flag football game today where admission is free yet donations will be accepted to benefit New York City firefighters and police officers and their families. The NFL will match all donations.

The Titans have teamed up with AmSouth Bank and a local television station and created "America's Fund." In addition to a joint donation of \$25,000 by the Titans and AmSouth, Titans' owner K.S. "Bud" Adams Jr. and his wife Nancy personally contributed \$75,000.

Contributing to the blood drive, the San Francisco 49ers organization donated 70 pints of blood Thursday.

"It's just important to do what you can to help, because some of us feel helpless out here on the West Coast," said guard Dave Fiore.

Close to the Pennsylvania field where hijacked Flight 93 crashed, the Pittsburgh Steelers attended a memorial service, Friday, in remembrance of the 45 victims.

"I think it's something our players wanted to do," Steelers president Dan Rooney said. "The only purpose was to show our support for the families involved."

The NFL has five days before they return to the field, but for baseball the return came much sooner. For some, that is what's best.

"If our playing means that a father and son can go to a game and forget all this for a few hours, it's worth it," Cleveland Indians general manager John Hart told ESPN.com. "The game's the same as it was a week ago. It's a beautiful game. And it will still be a beautiful game, even after something like this."



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Sophomore Forward Danielle Turnquist leads a Fullerton offensive attack as CSUF returns to play.

Titans come up short in

nSOCCER: Despite strong comeback, CSUF women suffer fourth loss of season at San Diego State

By Jeff Benson
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In a bruising battle against a team head coach Ali Khosroshahin called the Titans' "new rival," Cal State Fullerton women's soccer clawed back from a 2-0 deficit, only to lose in sudden death overtime to San Diego State, 3-2.

As part of a pre-game speech, Khosroshahin said a quick prayer for the victims of last Tuesday's tragedy, then prepped his team for the war ahead.

The team had scoring problems early and could not recover.

Other than a seven-minute stretch in the first half and a five-minute stretch in the second, the Titans had few scoring opportunities. One of the major factors in the CSUF loss was their 26 fouls to the Aztecs' nine, resulting in more

SDSU free kicks.

Senior midfielder Tennli Ulicny scored one goal and assisted on another for the Titans, whose record fell to 1-4. In the 61st minute, she stopped the ball after a corner kick, turned, and fired it into the upper right corner.

Just three minutes later, one of her acrobatic throw-ins went directly into the goal from 70 feet out, which would have been disallowed as a rule violation.

League rules state that if no player touches the ball after it's been thrown in, any goal scored does not count.

Ulicny said she was unsure whether or not the ball was touched by any player, but officials credited the goal to junior midfielder Michelle Bannister who was the nearest player to the ball at the time of the goal.

Bannister played in her first game of the season Monday.

Until last week, Ulicny had been recovering from a wrist injury.

"It didn't hurt me today at all," Ulicny said. "I can't put full weight on it and some motions still bother me. But for the most part, it's healed."

Ulicny is a specialist of the flip throw,

which is a type of throw-in that involves running with the ball, doing a handstand on top of it, and using momentum to propel the ball a longer distance.

"I was a gymnast before," Ulicny said. "If you can do a front handspring, you can do this."

Head coach Ali Khosroshahin said that after the first defensive mistake occurred, others kept piling on.

"We didn't do very good at winning the balls in the air," Khosroshahin said. "That's how they beat us and scored all three goals."

When the Titans were down 1-0 midway through the first half, freshman defender Vanessa Valentine made a spectacular play to keep the game close. After a hard shot ricocheted off goalkeeper Laura Janke's arms, Valentine played the part of an interim goalkeeper, deflecting a shot and kicking it out of harm's way.

"In situations like that it's just instinct and reaction," Valentine said.

The team looks to rebound as they begin a six-game homestand this weekend. Friday they square off against Loyola Marymount at 7 p.m. and Sunday they face Southern Utah at 1 p.m.